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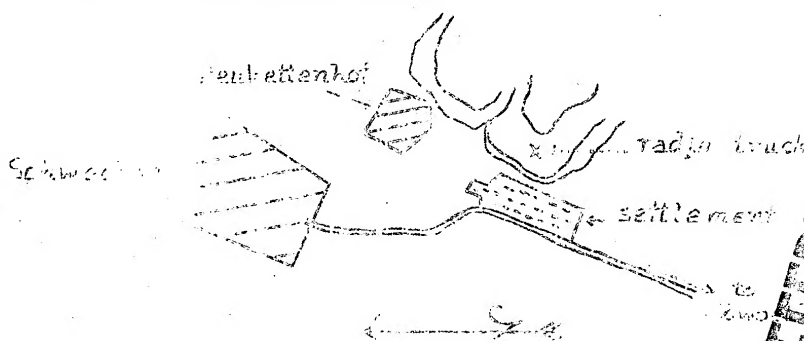
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1. Forty-one PE-2 planes and two biplanes were parked on the northern side of Zwoelfaxing airfield. A number of airforce soldiers were revving the engines.
2. Six PE-2 planes were on flying practice which consisted of simultaneous takeoffs and landings of two-ship elements. The takeoff direction was from the northwest to the southeast. A black and white checkered bus and a radio truck with an antenna mast at least 15 feet high were parked at the takeoff point.\*
3. A radio truck was parked on a mound to the east of the settlement on the road between Schwechat and Zwoelfaxing as per sketch given below.



An antenna mast approximately 15 feet high with a number of bracing wires, was erected next to the radio truck. At about 1400 hours, the mast was brought down by pulling the wires on one side.

4. An improvised rifle range is situated about 500 yards to the east of the road Zwoelfaxing-Schwechat, south of the hamlet Neukettenhof. Large boards are erected at intervals of approximately 100 yards and used as targets. The firing was performed with rifles and submachine guns at a distance of between 100 to 200 yards.

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5. The castle at Schwechat is used as a Soviet troop billet. Two soldiers wearing black-red service colors, one of them the guard on duty, were seen talking with two airforce enlisted women. An officer wearing black-red service colors and artillery insignia entered the castle. A view of part of the garden is possible from a point approximately 200 yards to the west of the castle. Three or four groups of approximately eight enlisted men each were being given theoretical instruction in the garden.

\*  Comment: Some additional planes were on single flights probably practicing radio-directed landings.

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